## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN RE:

## PAYMENT OF QUARTERLY FEES VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

**GENERAL ORDER** 

Local Rule 4002-1(c)(11) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina states the following:

(11) PAYMENT OF JUDICIAL CONFERENCE QUARTERLY FEE. In all cases filed after April 1, 2002, the debtor shall promptly remit quarterly fees to the clerk, which fee shall be calculated on the graduated scale as prescribed by 28 U.S.C. §1930(a)(7), based upon the total sum of all disbursements made during a calendar quarter until the case is either converted to a case under another chapter or closed. The payment of quarterly fees shall be by remission of an attorney trust account check, certified check, money order, or payment through pay.gov.

The court takes judicial notice of the benefits associated with remission of payments into the clerk's office via electronic means, as evidenced by the use of pay.gov for payment of filing fees by attorneys. The court further recognizes the costs associated with the receipt of cash, paper checks, and money orders due to the processing time required of clerk's office staff in receipting and docketing of these payments. As the federal courts continue to battle budget cuts each year, it is necessary for the court to take actions to reduce the costs of the court.

Therefore, as the majority of chapter 11 debtors in this district are represented by attorneys who have the capability of remitting payments via pay.gov, the court orders that attorneys representing chapter 11 debtors are required to remit quarterly fees to the clerk through pay.gov upon receipt of certified funds from the chapter 11 debtor for the purpose of paying quarterly fees.

This order shall be effective on September 3, 2013.

Entered this <u>How</u> day of August, 2013.

Randy D. Doub, Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Stephen: J. Kleneneckhouse

Stephani W. Humrickhouse, Bankruptcy Judge